

subpart C or commences such a service after November 4, 1991.

(d) *Terms and conditions.* An interstate pipeline's blanket certificate transportation authority under this section is subject to its compliance with all terms and conditions of subpart C of this part, except that service under this section does not have to be on behalf of an interstate pipeline or local distribution company served by an interstate pipeline.

(e) *Pregrant of abandonment.* Abandonment of transportation services, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, is authorized upon the expiration of the contractual term of each individual arrangement authorized by a blanket certificate under this section.

(f) *Effect of certificate.* Acceptance of a certificate issued under this section or conduct of activity authorized under this section will not subject the certificate holder to the Natural Gas Act jurisdiction of the Commission except to the extent necessary to enforce the terms and conditions of the certificate.

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Subpart H—Assignment of Capacity on Interstate Pipelines

SOURCE: Order 636, 57 FR 13318, Apr. 16, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

§ 284.241 Applicability.

This subpart applies to any interstate pipeline that offers transportation service under subpart B or G of this part.

§ 284.242 Assignment of firm capacity on upstream pipelines.

An interstate pipeline that offers transportation service on a firm basis under subpart B or G of this part must offer without undue discrimination to assign to its firm shippers its firm transportation capacity, including contract storage, on all upstream pipelines, whether the firm capacity is authorized under part 284 or part 157. An upstream pipeline is authorized and required to permit a downstream pipeline

to assign its firm capacity to the downstream pipeline's firm shippers.

[Order 636, 57 FR 13318, Apr. 16, 1992, as amended by Order 636-A, 57 FR 36217, Aug. 12, 1992]

§ 284.243 Release of firm capacity on interstate pipelines.

(a) An interstate pipeline that offers transportation service on a firm basis under subpart B or G of this part must include in its tariff a mechanism for firm shippers to release firm capacity to the pipeline for resale by the pipeline on a firm basis under this section.

(b) Firm shippers must be permitted to release their capacity, in whole or in part, on a permanent or short-term basis, without restriction on the terms or conditions of the release. A firm shipper may arrange for a replacement shipper to obtain its released capacity from the pipeline. A replacement shipper is any shipper that obtains released capacity.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (h) of this section, a firm shipper that wants to release any or all of its firm capacity must notify the pipeline of the terms and conditions under which the shipper will release its capacity. The firm shipper must also notify the pipeline of any replacement shipper designated to obtain the released capacity under the terms and conditions specified by the firm shipper.

(d) The pipeline must provide notice of offers to release or to purchase capacity, the terms and conditions of such offers, and the name of any replacement shipper designated in paragraph (b) of this section, on an electronic bulletin board, for a reasonable period.

(e) The pipeline must allocate released capacity to the person offering the highest rate (not over the maximum rate) and offering to meet any other terms and conditions of the release. If more than one person offers the highest rate and meets the terms and conditions of the release, the released capacity may be allocated on a basis provided in the pipeline's tariff, provided however, if the replacement shipper designated in paragraph (b) of this section offers the highest rate, the capacity must be allocated to the designated replacement shipper.

(f) Unless otherwise agreed by the pipeline, the contract of the shipper releasing capacity will remain in full force and effect, with the net proceeds from any resale to a replacement shipper credited to the releasing shipper's reservation charge.

(g) To the extent necessary, a firm shipper on an interstate pipeline that offers transportation service on a firm basis under subpart B or G of this part is granted a limited-jurisdiction blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act solely for the purpose of releasing firm capacity pursuant to this section.

(h)(1) A release of capacity by a firm shipper to a replacement shipper for any period of 31 days or less, or for any term at the maximum tariff rate applicable to the release, need not comply with the notification and bidding requirements of paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section. A release under this paragraph may not exceed the maximum rate. Notice of a firm release under this paragraph must be provided on the pipeline's electronic bulletin board as soon as possible, but not later than forty-eight hours, after the release transaction commences.

(2) When a release under paragraph (h)(1) of this section is at less than the maximum tariff rate, a firm shipper may not roll-over, extend, or in any way continue the release at less than the maximum tariff rate without complying with the requirements of paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section, and may not re-release to the same replacement shipper under this paragraph at less than the maximum tariff rate until twenty-eight days after the first release period has ended.

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Subpart I—Emergency Natural Gas Sale, Transportation, and Exchange Transactions

SOURCE: Order 449, 51 FR 9187, Mar. 18, 1986, unless otherwise noted.

§ 284.261 Purpose.

This subpart exempts a person who engages in an emergency natural gas transaction, as defined for purposes of this subpart, in interstate commerce from the certificate requirements of section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and from the conditions of § 284.7, except as provided in § 284.266, and §§ 284.8–284.13 of subpart A of this chapter.

§ 284.262 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart:

(a)(1) *Emergency* means, except as provided in paragraph (a)(2):

(i) Any situation in which an actual or expected shortage of gas supply would require an interstate pipeline company, intrastate pipeline, local distribution company, or Hinshaw pipeline to curtail deliveries of gas or provide less than the projected level of service to any customer, including any situation in which additional supplies are necessary to maintain levels of natural gas storage inventories sufficient to ensure a pipeline's projected level of service to any customer, but not including any situation in which additional supplies are needed to increase the projected level of service to an existing customer or to provide service to new customers; or

(ii) A sudden unanticipated loss of natural gas supply or a sudden unanticipated increase in demand; or

(iii) Any situation in which the participant, in good faith, determines that immediate action is required or is reasonably anticipated to be required for protection of life or health or for maintenance of physical property.

(2) *Emergency* does not mean any situation under paragraph (a)(1) resulting solely from a failure by any person to transport natural gas under subpart B, C or G of this part.

(b) *Projected level of service* means the level of gas volumes to be delivered by the company for each customer and additional gas volumes needed by a customer due solely to a weather-induced increase in requirements.

(c) *Emergency natural gas* means natural gas sold, transported, or exchanged in an emergency natural gas transaction.